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FIRE RESTRICTIONS SET FOR FORT STANTON - BLM

Summer is in full swing in southern New Mexico, and with it comes high temperatures and increased fire danger. As a result, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is enforcing fire restrictions, effective June 1, to help ensure safety, prevent wildfires and facilitate fire-suppression.

These fire restrictions cover the 24,630 acres of the Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), and bring consistency to BLM-managed public lands and the adjacent Lincoln National Forest.

The Fire Prevention Order was signed today by Acting Field Manager Ed Ryan. Beginning Monday, the following restrictions will be in place:

- **Building or using a fire**, campfire, charcoal boiler or wood stove without a permit is prohibited, except in developed camping and picnicking areas. (Use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is still allowed.)
- **Smoking** is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- **Using a chainsaw** is prohibited without a permit.
- **Igniting any fireworks** is prohibited, including those considered “safe and sane.”

“These restrictions will help prevent wildfires during current high fire-danger conditions and keep everyone safe this summer,” said Acting Field Manager Ed Ryan.

Violators may be fined up to \$1,000, and/or imprisoned not more than 12 months.

For more information contact the BLM at 505-627-0272, or check out these websites:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/swa_restrictions_nm.htm -- New Mexico

http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/swa_restrictions_closures.htm -- New Mexico & Arizona